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NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The attached note verbale, dated 14 February 1992, was addressed to the Secretary-General by the Permanent Observer Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations.

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Annex

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Note verbale dated 14 February 1992 from the Permanent Observer Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Observer Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and, referring to Secretariat note SCPC/2/92(1) of 28 January 1992 concerning the embargo on deliveries of weapons to Somalia, has the honour to inform him of the following:

The Federal Act on war matériel of 30 June 1972 prohibits the import, export and the transit of war matériel without the authorization of the Confederation (art. 9). No authorization shall be given for territories where armed conflict has broken out or there are dangerous tensions or if it appears that deliveries of war matériel to a certain country might compromise the efforts of the Confederation in the field of international relations, particularly with regard to respect for human rights, humanitarian aid or development aid (art. 11 (2)).

In accordance with these legal provisions, the Swiss Confederation would not be able to authorize the delivery of war matériel to Somalia.